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SUBJECT: PDAS KELLY'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT-ELECT LOBO

Classified By: Ambassador Hugo Llorens for reasons 1.4 b and d.

[1](#)1. (C) Summary: During a January 5 meeting with WHA PDAS Craig Kelly and Ambassador Llorens, a clearly frustrated President-elect Porfirio "Pe

[1](#)2. (C) President-elect Pepe Lobo and former President Ricardo Maduro met with Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs Principal Deputy Assistant

Restoring Normality

[1](#)3. (C) Maduro, who has also been focusing on economic affairs for the transition team, provided a readout of ongoing discussions between the t

[1](#)4. (C) PDAS Kelly said that the USG wants to help restore normality. It is important to move quickly while the world is focused on Honduras. I

[1](#)5. (C) Lobo pointed out that he had said both publicly and privately that Micheletti must step down. He has stressed to Micheletti the importa

[1](#)6. (C) Maduro said that, if Micheletti refuses to step down, it will be Lobo who is left to face the consequences. He noted that Micheletti ha

[1](#)7. (C) PDAS Kelly said that a period of transition between the Micheletti regime and the Lobo government would simplify things considerably fc

[1](#)8. (C) Lobo said that punishing him for the actions of Micheletti, an illegitimate leader, was unfair. If the UN leaves Honduras exposed to pr

Micheletti's Mindset

[1](#)9. (C) PDAS Kelly said that, throughout the crisis, the USG has made sure to listen to the regime's concerns in order to prevent the regime fr

Other Issues: Zelaya, ALBA, Pathways, GNU, Truth Commission

[1](#)10. (C) The Ambassador noted that President Zelaya's situation remained a complication. Lobo said that he did not know what Zelaya's current t

[1](#)11. (C) PDAS Kelly asked about the timing of a bill before Congress that would remove Honduras from the ALBA bloc. Lobo said that the vote was

[1](#)12. (C) PDAS Kelly noted that Honduras was the leader of one of the working groups in the Pathways to Prosperity initiative. He proposed that

[1](#)13. (C) Lobo told PDAS Kelly that he was making progress in putting together a post-inauguration government of national unity. Three parties h

[1](#)14. (C) Asked by PDAS Kelly for his views about a truth commission, Lobo said that the human rights situation is not as bad as some portray it

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